

# "Jesus Is Lord!"

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## A Mission Society ~

Supporting the World Mission of the  
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

...“that every knee may bow and every  
tongue confess that **JESUS CHRIST IS  
LORD....**”

February 2008

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### Current Projects

Cambodia  
China  
Guinea, W. Africa (2)  
India (4)  
Kyrgyzstan  
Papua New Guinea  
Philippines  
Sri Lanka (3)

### Membership

+increase since  
07/31/07  
512 Families (+ 6)  
971 Individuals (+ 12)

### Contributed

**July. 1 – Jan. 18**  
\$133,505.69  
**To date:**  
\$22,643.64

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## TURKEY AN OPEN DOOR?

We made the appeal – A Great Opportunity to strengthen work in Kyrgyzstan and support a survey team in Turkey. You responded with enthusiasm and dollars. Responses included the words of the Apostle Paul (2 Cor.2:12): **“Now when I went to Troas (in Turkey) to preach the gospel of Christ I found that the Lord had opened a door for me....”**

An open door for our church to bring the saving gospel to many?

Into Turkey:

- ⊙ 99.8% Muslim
- ⊙ Bordering with Iran, Iraq, Syria
- ⊙ Secular government offering “religious freedom” to its’ people

Brent Smith, Area Director for LCMS World Mission, writes: “Many things have opened the door for the LCMS to send in people with the message of the Lord Jesus.” Tim and Rita Nickel (formerly in Kyrgyzstan) arrived in Ankara, Turkey on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will lead the survey team which will “study the feasibility of a new mission in Turkey and develop a plan for beginning and continuing that mission.”

A second team is planned: “a medical worker to address medical challenges and opportunities– while sharing Christ!” Our church is on the ground, plans must be drawn, contacts made, workers prepared, language learned. **But we are in Turkey! God has opened the door.**

And Jesus Is Lord Mission Society has been asked to partner in this work! On April 3<sup>rd</sup> your Steering Committee will meet with representatives of LCMS World Mission to discuss future projects for our prayer and support. We will be asked to assist with church planting and leadership training in Kyrgyzstan and Turkey. We believe our answer will be yes!



**“That every knee may bow and every tongue confess that  
Jesus Christ is Lord!”**

*Training People to Reach Their Own People*

.....a Word from our President

**My Fellow Missionaries:**



Of our 15 projects this fiscal year, 10 of them are taking place in a part of the world known as “the 10/40 Window.” Of the \$202,570.00 we have pledged to the mission field this fiscal year, \$136,675.41 of the money you members gave was sent directly to the mission field, to this same area known as “the 10/40 Window.” What does this mean? Many of you have probably heard of this part of our world, but I want to share with you what it means to me to be doing ministry with you, the members of the Jesus Is Lord Mission Society, in

the “10/40 Window.”

We are told that most of the people groups un-reached by the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ, live in places stretching across the maps of northern Africa and Asia. It is this area that has been named “the 10/40 Window.” The area this term refers to lies across Africa and Asia from 10 degrees latitude north of the equator to 40 degrees latitude north of the equator. Of the 55 least evangelized countries, 97% of their population lives within the “10/40 Window.” 85% of those living in the “10/40 Window” are the poorest of the world’s poor. Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism are centered within the “10/40 Window.” The good news is: the country with the most rapid Christian expansion ever is China, where there are 10,000 new Christian converts every day.

And where is Jesus Is Lord Mission Society? We are in these countries, reaching these people for whom Jesus died and rose with the Good News “that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.....” (Philippians 2:10-11). With that in mind I invite you to join with me in praising God for the opportunities He is giving to us to pray for the people of this part of the world, to continue giving our monetary gifts to support missionaries and for the lives of countless people who are being touched by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, made possible only through the loving support of our Jesus is Lord Mission Society.



In HIS service and yours,  
*Pastor John Heckmann*

Hebrews 13:20-21

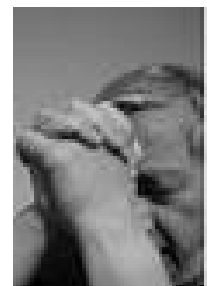
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**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO JILM**

JILM received two special Christmas gifts from two of our members,

1. Pastor Dan and Lois Haertling wrote: “Enclosed is our annual Christmas Gift to “Jesus Is Lord Mission.”
2. Pastor and Mrs. Arnold Steinbed wrote: “Please use this gift wherever the need is greatest. Thanks for helping share the message that Jesus Is Lord.”

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FIFTEEN PROJECTS  
IN DAILY PRAYER!**





## Tribute to The Rev. Donald Eugene Bendewald Former Philippine Missionary

This is a first for Jesus Is Lord Mission Society, reporting the death of a member. But, the following comments are appropriate for a number of reasons as written by the Rev. Dr. Glen O'Shoney.

Don Bendewald was a child of God through Baptism, missionary to the Philippines for ten years, campus Pastor at Moorhead State University in Minnesota, member of Synod's Board for Mission Services for eight years, early member of JILM, as elected member of the first Steering Committee, and the first of our membership to remember JILM and it's mission that "every ear may hear and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ Is Lord," in his Will, through a significant bequest.

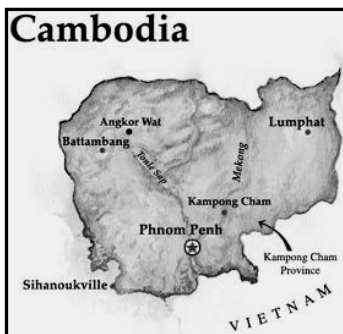
Bettie, Don's wife (and editor of this newsletter) says Don loved the Jesus Is Lord Mission Society's work of church planting and the training of nationals to reach their own people with the news of the Savior—theirs and his.

Don always wore his LCMS Career Missionary Lapel Pin with pride and the opportunity to witness when people asked about the significance of his lapel pin. Thank you God for the life, death and eternal life of the Rev. Missionary Donald Eugene Bendewald.

**November 14, 1935 - October 29, 2007**

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## Greetings from the Fields of Our Projects



### Cambodia - A beautiful hand-cut card with three Wise Men

Dear Supporters of God's Mission,

Thank you for helping leadership education and translation continue in Cambodia. At this Christmas season we are busy teaching and involving Christian leaders in the celebration of our Savior's birth. They need support and encouragement since they are only 2% of Cambodia's population. Please continue to support them and us in your prayers. Blessings, Missionaries Chuck and Jeanette Groth

## Sri Lanka Lutheran Church

We received a Christmas card signed by pastors and probationers from the Sri Lanka Lutheran Church – Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka



## Papua New Guinea

JILM received a long letter telling us about the difficult situations of the lives of the missionaries in their work – little or no electricity, witnessing the killing of Neti Jonah, Pastor Jonah’s wife and mother of young children because the villagers believed her to be a host to an evil spirit which has the power to kill others. Working with the Wanakipa church leaders after the death of Pastor Jonah’s wife gave us the chance to point them to Jesus, the One who is with us in the midst of tragedy.

We thank God for JILM, you have enabled us to remain in the ministry in PNG through your prayers and financial support. Thank you, said humbly and heartfully.  
Julie & Steve Lutz – Missionaries to Papua, New Guinea

## Asia & China Region

Joel Scheiwe, Strategic Mission Developer for the LCMS World Mission – Asia wrote JILM thanking us for our support and prayers for the work in Asia and the China region. As life in China is changing very quickly, the opportunities are many for sharing the love of Christ in varied ways: evangelism outreach through English teaching centers, pastoral training, theological education and development of human care. In August 2008, China will host the Summer Olympic Games. Much of the world’s attention will focus on China and we know this attention will include the prayers and support of God’s people for the witness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



## *Lent, Holy Week, and Easter*

As you walk with your Lord once again from Gethsemane to Golgotha to the Great Resurrection, we pray that you will once more experience **God’s amazing grace and love!**



**EASTER**

May your Easter heart compel you to “...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19



*Special Gifts*  
*Oct. 5 – Jan. 17, 2008*

**In Memory of**

◆ **Rev. Donald Bendewald (founding member of JILM)**

by Rev. Marvin & Shirley Henschel  
 by Rev. John & Ellie Scholz  
 by Rev. Walter & Jane Tietjen  
 by Mrs. Erna Siewert  
 Ms. Sally Stuewe by Rev. Walter & Ellen Harms  
 Rev. Arnold Vehling by Mrs. Bettie Horn Bendewald  
 Rev. Gerhardt F. Kempff by Rev. Erhart & Anita Bauer  
 Dr. Jane V. Zeile by Dr. & Mrs. Walter L. Zeile  
 Mrs. Karen Bjornstad by Mr. Dalton & Deanna Noack  
 Ms. Margie Record by John & Mary Ann Brown  
 Mr. Ernest Horn by Rev. Rodney & Vera Loose  
 Rev. Charles Born by Rev. Walter & Ellen Harms  
 Mr. Johnny Lynn Deloes by Mrs. Bettie Horn Bendewald  
 Mrs. Bessie Lee Brown by Mr. John & Mary Ann Brown  
 Rev. Eugene Heckmann by Mr. Dalton & Deanne Noack  
 Mr. Carl W. Wachsmann by Mr. Charles & Bettie Horn  
 Rev. Clifford Horn by Rev. Walter & Jane Tietzen  
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 by Mr. John & Mary Ann Brown  
 by Mr. Charles & Bettie Horn  
 Mr. Jimmy Koch by Rev. Walter & Ellen Harms  
 Mr. Lou Kappler by Mr. Dalton & Deanne Noack  
 Mr. Carl Wachsmann by Mrs. Bettie Horn Bendewald  
 Mr. Robert E. Young by Mrs. Carolyn Young  
 Rev. Vic Albers by Rev. Wesley & Edith Kuhn  
 Mr. Paul Vricella by Mr. John & Mary Ann

Brown  
 Mr. Warren Brugge by Rev. Walter & Ellen Harms  
 Mrs. Jeaninne Helmstetter by Mrs. Bettie Horn Bendewald  
 Mr. Sean Graham by Mr. Dalton & Deanne Noack  
 Mr. Phil Landers by Mrs. Bettie Horn Bendewald  
correction : a gift from Rev. Richard & Ruth Schlecht was

In memory of Rev. Gerhardt Schmidt

**In Honor of**

*Rev. Tim & Rita Nickel*  
*by Dr. Arnold & Caroline Krompardt*  
*Miss Hannah & Mrs. Tonya Loesch*  
*by Rev. Nathan & Marian Loesch*  
*Mr. Curtis & Ruth Doehring ( 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)*  
*by Ms. Leona Kokel*

**In Thanksgiving for**

Mrs. Bettie Horn Bendewald & all volunteers in JILM service  
 by Rev. Walter & Jane Tietjen  
 Mrs. Karen Bjornstad (ministry)  
 by Chaplain Paul & Lois Howe

*Churches Contributing Oct. – Jan. '08*

Dorcas Society of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Austin, TX  
 Redeeming Grace Lutheran Church, Austin, TX  
 Zion Lutheran School, Walburg, TX  
 Trinity Lutheran Church, Spring, TX  
 Dorcas Society of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Austin, TX  
 LWML - Anna Society, Fishers of Men Lutheran Church, Port Isabel, TX  
 Christ Lutheran Church, Orlando Park, IL  
 Zion Lutheran Church, Walburg, TX

*Thank You*

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*New Members in Oct. 5 – Jan. 17, '08*

Mr. Charles & Bettie Horn, Cedar Park, TX  
Mr. Gary & Karin Laneman, Austin, TX  
Mr. Howard & Mary Voelker, Walburg, TX

Dorcas Society, St. Paul Lutheran Church,  
Austin, TX  
St. John's LWML, Cypress, TX



*Welcome, Welcome, Welcome!*